

Tri-Parish Catholic Community News



St. Patrick Catholic Church
436 W Main St, LeRoy, MN 55951
Saturday Mass @ 5:00 PM



St. Finbarr Catholic Church
504 1st St SW, Grand Meadow, MN 55936
Sunday Mass @ 8:30 AM



St. Ignatius Catholic Church
213 W Franklin St, Spring Valley, MN 55975
Sunday Mass @ 10:30 AM

November 9, 2025

Feast of the Dedication of the Lateran Basilica in Rome

Readings: Ezekiel 47:1-2, 8-9, 12; I Corinthians 3:9c-11, 16-17; John 2:13-22

From Father's Desk -

This Sunday the universal Church celebrates the dedication of a church in Rome. Seems somewhat small, but historically, the church looms large: St. John Lateran in Rome.

First, it is grand in its size. It is big! Not as big as St. Peter's Basilica, also in Rome. But what basically began as a family chapel was expanded each time the church fell to pieces, whether from an earthquake or from a fire. It was gradually expanded throughout the centuries, and it is a great, big, beautiful church today.

Second, in its history of being gifted to the pope by Emperor Constantine sometime around 311-313. The original structure was part of the palace belonging to the Lateran family. As Constantine was amassing control of more and more lands and peoples, he gave this gift to the Church shortly before legalizing Christianity and bringing an end to the persecution of Christians in the empire. It then became the pope's church, his cathedral, and has remained his cathedral to this day—even after many difficulties in the city, and popes taking up residence in France and abandoning Rome.

Third, in its names. Originally, the Basilica of the Most Holy Savior, it inspired the design and naming of some notable churches throughout the rest of the world. Churches that today are named "Christ Church" (most of which are Anglican/Episcopalian, especially Christ Church in Oxford) followed the tradition of the Lateran Basilica being named after Christ himself—as distinct from being named for one of the saints. It was also given more names later: often times called "St. John Lateran" it is actually dedicated to two St. Johns, the Baptist and the Apostle/Evangelist. So, this one church actually has three patron-dedications. So, the church's full name is "The Archbasilica of the Most Holy Savior and of Saints John the Baptist and John the Evangelist in Lateran".

Lastly, St. John Lateran looms large in its spiritual importance as the cathedral church of the pope. This makes it, as I mentioned last week, the title which is on the front façade of the church in large engraving: *omnium urbis et orbis ecclesiarum mater et caput*, "the mother and head of all the churches of the city and of the world."

Last week we took up the second collection for our parish cemeteries. Thank you to everyone who donated to our cemeteries. St. Ignatius Cemetery was gifted \$1,389. St. Kilian in Wykoff was gifted \$280. St. Finbarr Cemetery received \$803. And \$635.74 was collected for St. Patrick Cemetery. The rest of November is still a valuable time to remember and pray for our beloved faithful departed and to visit their graves. May the Lord grant all of them eternal rest.

In Christ,

Fr. Parrott

St. Finbarr Announcements

Mass Schedule

Tues., Nov. 11, 8:30 AM for Dorothy Hoehn †
Sun., Nov. 16, 8:30 AM for Albert Gehling †

Offering from Nov. 2, 2025 – Week 18

Weekly Support:	\$ 1,975.00
Weekly Budgeted Expenses:	\$ 1,646.00
YTD Support Received:	\$ 46,831.00
YTD Expenses Paid:	\$ 28,881.00

Liturgy Schedule Sun., Nov. 16, 8:30 AM

Opener: Tye Davis
EMHC: Becky Oehlke / Ellen Olson
Lector: Dawn Stier
Servers: Holly Weiss / Ryan Meyerhofer
Ushers: Dom Stier / Clint Weiss
Counters: Clint Weiss / Dylan Davis

- Coffee and doughnuts after Mass today.
- A Big Thank You to everyone who contributed items, money or time to help pack our 79 Boxes of Joy!
- Support Envelopes for 2026 are available in the back of church.

St. Patrick Announcements

Mass Schedule

Wed., Nov. 12, 8:30 AM for Tom & Dorothy McCarthy †
Sat., Nov. 15, 5:00 PM for Herman Miller †

Offering from Nov. 1, 2025 – Week 18

Weekly Support:	\$ 1,901.00
Weekly Budgeted Expenses:	\$ 1,365.00
YTD Support Received:	\$ 24,205.00
YTD Expenses Paid:	\$ 27,870.00

Liturgy Schedule Sat., Nov. 15, 5:00 PM

Greeters: Paul & Cathy Yoch
Gifts: Mike & Margaret Arndorfer
EMHC: Nick Kasel
Lector: Vicky Nolt
Servers: Chloe O'Bannon / Maria Almaraz-Nolt
Ushers: Loren Rickerl / Jim Yoch
Counters: Barb Hovde / Joyce Arndorfer

- Boxes of Joy: Thanks to your generosity, we were once again able to send out 100 boxes, including postage. Well done!
- Many Thanks for the men, women, and students who helped make our Fall Dinner another success story. We had many compliments on the food, decor, and especially the hardworking student help.
- Support Envelopes for 2026 are available in the back of church.

St. Ignatius Announcements

Mass Schedule

Thur., Nov. 13, 8:30 AM for Frank & Theresa Weisinger †
Fri., Nov. 14, 8:30 AM for Marketta Souhrada †
Sun., Nov. 16, 10:30 AM *Pro Populo*

Offering from Nov. 2, 2025 – Week 18

Weekly Support:	\$ 6,289.00
Weekly Budgeted Expenses:	\$ 1,980.00
YTD Support Received:	\$ 27,684.00
YTD Expenses Paid:	\$ 37,273.00

Liturgy Schedule Sun., Nov. 16, 10:30 AM

Greeters: Brad & Andrea Reiter
Gifts: John & JoAnn Gladys
EMHC: Rosann Sanford / Chari Kruegel
Lector: Don Mulhern
Servers: Nadalie Oeltjen / Avery Reiter
Ushers: Jacob Souhrada / Mike Souhrada
Counters: Engesser / Souhrada

- The Knights of Columbus will meet on Tuesday, November 11. Supper at 6 PM with meeting to follow.
- Support Envelopes for 2026 are available in the back of church.



OCIA (the Order of Christian Initiation of Adults)
will meet on Thursdays from 6:45 pm– 8:00 pm. We start in church.
Contact Fr. Parrott with questions.

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- **Second Collection** – next weekend for the Campaign for Human Development. This campaign addresses the root causes of poverty in America through support of community-controlled, self-help organizations and education.
- **Diocese of Winona-Rochester - Child Sexual Abuse Policy Information:** The Diocese of Winona-Rochester will provide a prompt, appropriate and compassionate response to reporters of sexual abuse of a child by any diocesan agent (employees, volunteers, vendors, religious or clergy). Anyone wishing to make a report of an allegation of sexual abuse should call the Victim Assistance Coordinator at 507-454-2270, Extension 255. A caller will be asked to provide his or her name and telephone number. Individuals are also encouraged to take their reports directly to civil authorities. The Diocese of Winona-Rochester is committed to protecting children, young people and other vulnerable people in our schools, parishes and ministries. The diocesan policy is available on the diocesan web site at www.dowr.org under the Safe Environment Program. If you have any questions about the Diocese of Winona's implementation of the Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People, please contact Michael Gerard, at 507-361-3377, or mgerard@dowr.org. Anyone working or volunteering in a Catholic parish or school is a mandated reporter. Anyone who knows or has reason to believe that a minor (a person under the age of 18) or vulnerable adult is or has been abused or neglected, must report all suspected abuse or neglect to proper civil authorities/law enforcement within 24 hours of the abuse or neglect becoming known to him or her and must also follow up with a written report to civil authorities within 72 hours, exclusive of weekends and holidays. Many people working or volunteering in a Catholic parish or school, including clergy, are mandated reporters under state law.
- **Annual Meatball Dinner:** Little Cedar Lutheran Church, Adams. Sun., Nov. 9. Serving 4-6:30 PM. Swedish Meatballs & all trimmings. Free Will Donation.
- **Courier:** The November edition is available in the Narthex and on the Diocese of Winona-Rochester website dowr.org, click "The Courier."
- **Tri-Parish Masses:** Please give Mass stipends directly to Father Parrott along with the name(s) for whom the Mass is intended.
- **Tri-Parish Bulletin & Announcements:** Please e-mail Mary with bulletin additions by 9 AM Wednesdays. Announcements to Mary by Thursdays at 9 AM. Subject to edit and Father's discretion.



Faith Formation Announcements

St. Finbarr

Class 6:45-7:45 PM 11/12, 19
Confirmation Class, SV 6:45 PM 11/12, 19

St. Patrick

Class 6:45-7:45 PM 11/12, 19
Confirmation Class, SV 6:45 PM 11/12, 19

St. Ignatius

Class 9-10:20 AM 11/9, 16
Confirmation Class, SV 6:45 PM 11/12, 19

Prayer Chain

Please keep the following sick, hospitalized & homebound
Tri-Parish members and friends in your prayers.

Dorothy Steinkamp – St. Finbarr	Lori Brogan – St. Finbarr
Don Mulhern – St. Ignatius	Jerry Marr – St. Ignatius
Jane Reineke – St. Ignatius	Rita Bezdicek – St. Ignatius
Joe O'Connell – St. Ignatius	Tom Hovde – St. Patrick
Jodi Miller – St. Patrick	Crystal Stern – St. Patrick
Kurt Fuhrmann Jr. – St. Patrick	Sharon Hammon – St. Patrick
Diane Reineke	Kathleen Domaille
David Geary	Marilyn Calkins
Cheri Jose	Karen Sanford
Sandy Stern	Maxine Mlenar
Jason Emanuel	Todd Mlenar

*If you know someone who needs to be included in the prayer chain,
email their name to triparishsecretary@gmail.com.*

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NEW! Tri-Parish Website: www.fmparishes.org

Sacraments

Baptism: Arrangements for infant baptism are made at least one month in advance. A one-hour Pre-Jordan session is required for parents who have not participated in one previously. Baptism is preferably celebrated during the Mass on Saturday or Sunday. To make arrangements, contact Fr. Parrott.

Marriage: Arrangements for marriage should begin six months prior to the intended date of the wedding. Marriage preparation requires a series of meetings and a marriage encounter weekend. This sacrament is not celebrated during Lent or Holy Week.

Confession: This is offered before the Saturday Mass from 4:15 – 4:45 p.m., before or after daily Mass in the respective parishes or by appointment with Fr. Parrott or Fr. Collins (LeRoy, 507-289-7637).

Eucharistic Adoration

St. Finbarr:

Tuesdays, 9 a.m. – 9:30 a.m.

St. Patrick:

Wednesdays, 9 a.m. – 10 a.m.

St. Ignatius:

Thursdays, 9 a.m. – 7 p.m.